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INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS.

The interview published in yesterday's DEMOCRAT with Mr. Paul E. Werner, Akron's prominent manufacturer and Republican, created something of a surprise in local political circles yesterday—just as it is destined to create a surprise in the political circles of the whole state.

Mr. Werner stands today as a representative of that type of independent American citizens, rapidly increasing in numbers and influence, who are going to be the controlling factor in the politics of the future.

The people are coming to see, as was so well said by Mr. Werner, that while all parties represent some commendable principles, yet only in the use of one party against the other can the evils of partisan politics be corrected and the schemes of self-seeking politicians be thwarted.

"I supported Mr. McKinley," said Mr. Werner, "and did all in my power to bring about his election." Every voter in Summit county who knows anything of local political affairs knows that had it not been for the organized forces which Mr. Werner brought to the assistance of the Republican party in 1898—in which he contributed largely of his means and gave liberally of his own time and effort; organizing the business interests of Summit county as they had never been organized before—Mr. McKinley's ticket in Summit county would have met with overwhelming defeat.

In what manner has Mr. Werner been repaid for his splendid services in behalf of the Republican party in that memorable campaign? When it is recalled how the humiliating ingratitude of the arrogant boss who controls the Republican party was so gratuitously evidenced toward Mr. Werner in a matter in which he had no direct personal interest; how within the last year the great industrial enterprise of which he is the head, employing hundreds of working men and working women, has been made the subject of a relentless persecution by fee-grabbing officials constituting a part of the local Hanna Machine, who would not have hesitated at driving this magnificent industry from Akron to line their pockets with large fees;—it is not surprising that Mr. Werner has announced his determination for the future to be independent in politics, neither Republican nor Democrat, but an American citizen, having the best interests of his country and his city at heart.

But the foregoing are by no means the only causes that have impelled Mr. Werner to hold himself aloof, for the time, from the Republican party. As a citizen who knows something of the hardships entailed upon people burdened with the curse of militarism, he cannot regard with complacency the present Administration's inevitable drift toward Imperialism and the dangers of foreign conquest.

"If I were in favor of Imperialism," says he, "I would want the genuine article—a real, true Emperor, and not a political boss."

The DEMOCRAT might prolong comment indefinitely upon Mr. Werner's interview, but to what purpose? It carries its own best lesson. Hundreds of Summit county's Republicans who hitherto have given energetic and unquestioning support to their party's nominees will doubtless be encouraged by Mr. Werner's example to a greater degree of independence in their political opinions and alliances.

WORKING MEN who have been saving their money for half a life time, hoping to accumulate enough to build themselves a home, find that after all their years of economy they are no better off now than they were when their savings amounted to just half of what they are today.

The trusts have raised the prices of all materials used in buildings to such an extent that it costs twice as much to build a house today as it would several years ago. And Mr. Hanna says that trusts are a good thing and ought to be encouraged. Vote Mr. Hanna's ticket, encourage the trusts, and have them add another hundred per cent to the price charged the people for building materials and the necessities of life.

ANOTHER case of grasping at straws. The Beacon rejoices because the Columbus Citizen, "a newspaper which has always prided itself on being independent in politics," has come out flat-footed for Nash. The Citizen has only been in existence a year and in that time it has supported none but Republican candidates, so it is not going to make a very big depression in the "political firmament" by coming down "flat-footed." If the Beacon wants to quote from an independent paper that amounts to something, let it go to the old reliable Columbus Dispatch, which cannot say too many nice things in behalf of Hon. John R. McLean.

IT WAS Capt. Aaron Wagoner who, a few weeks ago, said that no Republican, except Gov. Roosevelt, could draw a crowd like Senator J. B. Foraker. According to the Beacon, Mr. Roosevelt drew 50,000 people to Akron on the campaign opening day. If Capt. Wagoner is anxious to preserve Senator Foraker's prestige in this locality, he should see that the Beacon does not fall down in its estimate of the crowd here on Foraker day. If it should happen that only 49,000 people should come to Akron to hear Foraker, it would be construed by the enemy as an inglorious rebuke to the Administration.

A PROMINENT Democrat of Stow township says he was offered a large sum of money by an agent of the local Republican Machine if he would authorize his name to be used in an interview condemning the Democratic party. While the campaign committee is in the interviewing business why doesn't it find out what the hard-working farmers of Summit county think of the Republican Machine which defeated the Russell Salary bill? It will not cost the Republican committee a cent to get a whole wagon load of this kind of interviews, and they will all make good, interesting reading.

IT WILL BE to the interest of every taxpayer to vote this fall to break up the trust that controls the offices at the Court House. Long years of office holding have enabled these officials to entrench themselves behind an unlimited campaign fund, making them virtually independent of the people. If the people expect that future legislation in their interests shall not be defeated as was true of the Russell Salary bill, they must vote to break up the trust that for many years has parceled out the high salaried offices at the Court House.

THE spectacle of the intelligent voters of Summit county being cursed by the evil effects of Machine politics is more than discouraging. The voting strength is so equally proportioned between the parties that a few hundred votes would turn the scale either way. If the voters of Summit county will stand together at the polls a few days hence, there will be no more lobbying commissions organized at the Court House to defeat measures intended to benefit all the people.

IT HAS BEEN Judge Anderson's boast that in every campaign which he has made he has never had to rely upon the regular committee of his party to manage his campaign. This is nothing to boast about. Anybody could build up a private machine who holds an office so well-paying as that occupied by Judge Anderson. If the Russell salary bill had not been defeated Judge Anderson would be very glad to have the help of the regular organization in this campaign.

IT HAS BEEN a common thing for the office holders at the Court House to organize a lobby to go before the Legislature or Council in behalf of some selfish scheme of their own or of the interests that contribute to their campaign fund, but when have any of these officials ever lobbied in behalf of some measure that would benefit the people? The Beacon need not be in a hurry about answering.

WHEN Summit county's farmers come to town they have to sell about everything they produce at panic prices and buy everything they need at the extravagantly high prices fixed by the trusts. While the value of everything the farmers own or produce for the market is declining, the prices of Trust-made articles are going upward.

ASK HENRY YOUNG, Joseph Hugill, John W. Baker or any of the ex-commissioners who paid more attention to the city's interests than to politics during their administration, whether Judge Anderson attempted to dictate the policies to be pursued by the members of the Board of Commissioners.

THE defeat of the Russell Salary bill enables Summit county's high-salaried officials to collect enough money from the people to build up three or four machines apiece if they choose. But after the Legislature meets next winter machine building

will be a more difficult task in Summit county.

IN A SPEECH at Cleveland Senator Hanna called Mayor Jones a demagogue and hypocrite. Of course it was not demagoguery upon the part of Mr. Hanna's Columbus convention to declare against the trusts in theory, while the party and the party's leaders are doing all in their power to encourage them in practice.

JUDGE ANDERSON is the only official having appointing power under the Commissioner law who has not permitted "Akron's City Commissioners" to be City Commissioners. There are more than 8,000 voters in Akron. They will be heard from a week from Tuesday.

THE Democratic platform pledges the Democratic candidate for Probate Judge to permit Akron's City Commissioners to be their own masters. The only way for the people of Akron to obtain relief from this era of government by Probate Judge is to defeat Judge Anderson.

ONE of Akron's prominent Republicans suggests that since Senator Burke helped Clerk Hershey defeat the Russell Salary bill last year, Clerk Hershey ought to help Senator Burke get back into the Cuyahoga County Bar association. One good turn deserves another.

SINCE the Akron Salt Company's plant was absorbed by the Salt Trust, in common with other isolated plants throughout the state, the Trust has raised the price of salt thirty cents a barrel. And Mr. Hanna says there are no such things as trusts.

THE nominal editor says there is no such thing as Imperialism. And Hanna says there is no such thing as a trust. If this attempt to deny the evidence of the senses continues until after election there may be no such thing as a Republican party.

IT IS NOT so much the unmerited defeat of the Russell Salary bill by local Republican county officials, as the fear of their opposition to future salary bills, that should impel Summit county taxpayers to vote against the Machine ticket.

"FOUR of the six men on the Republican county ticket worked at the carpenter's trade when young and got their start in life in that manner."—Beacon.

BUT most of them are working at the Machine trade now.

JUDGE ANDERSON's record on the telephone matter is as open as a book.—Beacon.

Yes; about as open as a book that is closed most of the time.

A VOTE for the ticket nominated by the local Republican Machine is a vote for two years more of exorbitant salaries for Summit county's officials.

EVERY old soldier in Summit county can be a vice president of the Foraker meeting if he wants to wear a gaudy badge.

LAST chance to register tonight. Booths open from 4 until 9 o'clock.

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IN THE CHURCHES.

United Brethren.
The pastor will preach from the themes, "Who Are Partakers of Christ?" at 10:30 a.m.; "The Way of Escape," at 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church.
Sunday school 9 a.m.; preaching 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Luther league 5:15 p.m.; prayer service Thursday, 7:15 p.m. A cordial invitation to all.

Luther League.
Luther league of Trinity Lutheran church will meet at 5:45 p.m. Miss Pearl Cahoon will lead, topic, "The Temple Cleansed," John 11:13-17. A large attendance would be appreciated.

Calvary Evangelical Church.
Rev. L. H. Seager, presiding elder of Cleveland district, will conduct quarterly meeting services at the Calvary Evangelical church over the coming Sabbath. He will preach Saturday evening at 7 o'clock and Sunday morning at 10:30 and again in the evening. Quarterly conference will follow the Saturday evening service.

First Disciple.
"Prison and Prisoner," will be the subject of C. J. Tanner's morning sermon in the First Church of Christ. This subject is suggested by prison Sunday. Night topic, "Living Vice toriously." C.E. meeting 6 p.m.

St. Paul's Parish.
Rev. Jas. H. W. Blake, rector.
St. Paul's church—9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., full service and sermon by the rector; 7 p.m., evening prayer and address.
St. Andrew's chapel—8:30 a.m., Sunday school.

Christian Alliance.
Abbey block, Main st. Rev. J. Cronenberger will preach his last sermon before moving from the city. All the friends are requested to be present. Communion at close of sermon. J. E. Elliott will speak at 7:30 p.m.

Main St. Methodist.
Sunday school rally day will be

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FAR EAST
Will be Visited by
Senator Alexander.

Year In Hawaiian Islands and Japan
—Will Make Observations.

Sensor and Mrs. J. Park Alexander have completed arrangements for an extended trip in the eastern countries.

They will leave soon after the present election and will remain away for a year or more. Japan and the Hawaiian islands will be visited, the greater part of the time being spent in these places.

Sensor Alexander has been greatly interested in the affairs of the far east. During his trip he expects to make a careful study of the conditions which exist in Hawaii and Japan. After his return from his European trip he delivered several very interesting lectures on his observations in England and on the continent. It is hoped that he will repeat this after his return from the contemplated visit to the East.

NEW RAILS
Ordered For Use on Valley and P. & W. Railroads.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has just placed an order for 43,500 tons of 85-pound steel rails, for delivery in 1900. The contract price is about \$38 per ton, or 87 per cent more than the receivers paid for rails during the time they had charge of the property. Of the total amount just ordered, the Baltimore & Ohio proper will get 26,000 tons, the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern 12,500, the Pittsburgh and Western 4,000 and the Cleveland Terminal & Valley 1,000.

BIRTHS.
SHAUGHNESSY—October 26, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shaughnessy, 204 Division st., a son.

"DEGRADED PEOPLES."

THE Imperialists have a very patronizing attitude, remarks the Columbus Press Post. After Bishop Potter's bold and convincing exposure of the real meaning of imperialism before the Congress of the Protestant Episcopal Church at St. Paul last Wednesday, the Rev. Rufus W. Clarke, of Detroit, came to the defense of the Administration. The Rev. Mr. Clarke at once struck the patronizing attitude alluded to, as follows:

Among those who speak against expansion as involving imperialism one class tell us of DEGRADED PEOPLE we promise to annex and of our incapacity to elevate and fit them for freedom. We have certainly at hand those who by their changes in manners and in language and in knowledge are adequate to refute these aspersions—the French Creole of the Mississippi, the Mexicans upon our border, THE HIBERNIANS, TEUTONS AND POLES of our cities. In their tutelage we have not been altogether unsuccessful.

He says it would be easy for this country to benevolently assimilate the Filipinos, because it had already assimilated other "DEGRADED PEOPLES." And among these degraded peoples he included a few Mexican and Creoles and all the Irish-American and German-American citizens who contribute so largely to our population. "In their tutelage," said the Rev. Dr. Clarke, "we have not been altogether unsuccessful." That is to say—still in the patronizing tone—we have in measure, at least, redeemed the descendants of Erin and the Fatherland in this country from being "degraded people," and after a dose like that, according to the Rev. Mr. Clarke, we should be able to assimilate the Sultan of Sulu, or any other polygamist slave driver or "degraded" person without difficulty.

The German-American and Irish-American citizens of the United States will be grateful to the Rev. Mr. Clarke for this classification. If they object to being classed among "degraded peoples," they will at least rejoice over the thought that the Rev. Mr. Clarke now considers them benevolently assimilated. But perhaps it is more probable that they will resent the insult with their ballots as well as their personal indignation. The imperialistic idea of "degraded peoples" is just a little too patronizing for the sturdy sons of Ireland and Germany who have contributed to American greatness in peace and war for more than a century. It is also too patronizing for the Yankee who believes in equality, common rights and common opportunities in American soil.

GYMNASIUM

Added to Club House
Will Give Kirkwoods a
Splendid Home.

Elks Have Accepted Foot
Ball Challenge.

Game Will be Played Thanksgiving Day.

Indianapolis Physician on Ruhl—
Sporting News.

A lively interest in athletics is being displayed by the members of the Kirkwood club.

The DEMOCRAT was informed Saturday morning by a prominent member of this well known organization that the directors were seriously considering the building of a gymnasium as an addition to the present quarters of the club.

The club, it is said, will be heard from next year in out-door sports. There are many members who are enthusiastic foot ball men. These are back of a movement to place a strong team in the field next year, to be run under the management of the Kirkwood club. If this is taken up, the eleven will have all the advantages of a college team. It will mean much to athletics in Akron if the movement materializes.

Elks Accepted.

The Elks' club has accepted the challenge issued by the Kirkwood club, and teams made up of the members of these organizations will meet on Buchtel field Thanksgiving day. The game will not be a farce or a fake. It will be bitterly contested. There are a number of old college men in both clubs. They have played foot ball before. These men will coach those who are not familiar with the game. The candidates for positions will begin work in a few days. It is probable that several practice games will be played. The lease for the grounds has been closed. It is believed that an immense crowd will witness the struggle.

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Al. Berrodin's bowling alley, 805 S. Main street, Market House block, has been remodeled and is now one of the best alleys in the city.

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OPEN NIGHTS

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TAKEN FROM MANSFIELD NEWS.
"Dr. Tucker was down from Akron and operated upon Mrs. Ferguson, mother of Policeman Ferguson, who has been blind for some time. The operation was very successful. Mrs. Ferguson was able to count fingers three feet distant."

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MANSFIELD, Oct. 20, 1899.
DR. G. W. TUCKER, AKRON, O.
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form a partnership for him with Kid McCoy. They believe it would be of benefit to both. A special from Indianapolis says: Kid McCoy dropped in between trains Thursday night en route for St. Louis. Close friends in this city are advising McCoy to take Ruhl under his wing and impart to him the science which the Akron man lacks. This proposition, in short, is for McCoy to devote his attention to middle-weights and train Ruhl for the heavy business, both fighters to work under the general management of McCoy's brother.

The Kid, however, still believes he is booked for a heavy-weight, and he declines to entertain the suggestion. McCoy's physicians here are frank to say that McCoy has neither the physique nor the constitution for a heavy-weight, while Dr. Geis, of this city, says that Ruhl has the best physique of any fighter in the business.

The Pugs.

At St. Louis Friday night Kid McCoy put Billy Shift down and out in the thirteenth round. Joe Choyuski defeated Steve O'Donnell at Chicago in five rounds, and Eddie Connelly and Matty Mathews went 25 rounds to a draw in New York.

Bowling.

The F and D teams of the Kirkwood club bowled two games Friday night, F winning both. Scores—F, 1080, 1116; total 2196. D, 1006, 1050; total 2056. Next week's schedule is as follows: Monday, C and E; Wednesday, B and D; Friday, A and F.

CAUTION TO OUR READERS

In buying the remedy "The Cure in a Cup of Tea," BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. The name "The Cure in a Cup of Tea" is prominent on the wrapper, and is blown in the glass of the bottle. Be sure the signature of the inventor is on the wrapper.

Attend Sunday afternoon foot ball game at Summit Lake park. North Ends vs. Indians.

At the Grand.

That lustrous example of the utmost funniness of possibilities of the stage, except "The Hustler," will shortly appear here, rejuvenated and new in everything but name. This piece whose popularity and whose laugh-making powers seem to grow with the years, is one of the most uproariously funny entertainments of the times. Each season's alterations improve it. The ludicrous schemes of the moneyless but hopeful Irish hustler are prolific of the most laughable incidents possible to imagine. The specialties are equally attractive, and this season they have the merit of novelty as well as that of intrinsic interest. An unusually brilliant and versatile company has been secured for this latest edition of the popular farce at the Grand.

Manager Stickler, of the Grand, has closed negotiations for the appearance in this city next Wednesday of Miss Marie Lamour, in Wilfred Clarke's great London success, "A Wise Woman." This announcement is of considerable importance to our theater patrons, as Miss Lamour has created no end of a sensation wherever she has been seen this season, both for her finely developed gifts as a comedienne and for the remarkable beauty she is said to possess. In addition to these important qualifications Miss Lamour has had the advantage of a splendid training in the companies of Augustin Daly, for whom she played for several seasons.

"A Wise Woman" prove a sufficient attraction to do a record breaking business at the Strand theater in London, where it ran for nearly an entire season. A supporting company of prominent players, including Frederick Murphy, who will be recalled as Julia Marlowe's leading man last season, has been engaged.

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